

MOTION BY CHAIR HILDA L. SOLIS

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**NAMING THE NEW RANCHO LOS AMIGOS WELLNESS CENTER IN HONOR OF SUPERVISOR DON KNABE**

With the long-time support and dedication of Supervisor Don Knabe, Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (Rancho) has flourished as one of the nation's leading hospitals for rehabilitative medicine. For more than two decades, Rancho has been ranked as one of the top rehabilitation hospitals in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*. Rancho is affiliated with universities throughout the nation including the California Institute of Technology, the University of Southern California and the Western University of Health Sciences. It provides specialty care for persons with disabilities, including spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, orthopedic disabilities, strokes, neurological disorders and physical and developmental disorders. It cares for approximately 4,000 inpatients and provides 71,000 outpatient visits each year.

Supervisor Knabe has spent much of his career implementing programs and policies to both protect vulnerable populations and enhance their well-being, most notably the physically disabled. At Rancho, he created innovative performing arts programs, pediatric arts and many other programs that will serve patients for many years to come.

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He has led efforts in support of legislation to expand the partnership between Rancho and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in order to provide needed services to veterans at non-VA facilities, particularly those with spinal cord injuries. This will benefit veterans and allow them to receive care in their community.

Supervisor Knabe has also been a strong advocate for continued enhancement of the facility in order to encourage the use of emerging technologies and innovative medical practices. The current renovation at Rancho will result in a newly constructed, state-of-the-art Wellness Center that is specially designed for persons with disabilities. The Wellness Center will include a fully accessible exercise room with cardio equipment and weights, a therapy pool, and multipurpose rooms for classes including Yoga, Pilates and Zumba.

Supervisor Knabe's dedication and relentless advocacy for the patients of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center should be recognized and acknowledged.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Health Agency Director to name the Rancho Los Amigos Wellness Center and plaza in honor of Supervisor Don Knabe.

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